Tenders to Businessmen Associated with Dons

4392. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that majority of Government tenders are awarded in favour of businessmen generally associated with underworld dons;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to debar such businessmen from participation in Government tenders; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) finalises rate contracts for purchase of items of common use and in regular demand, as are required by various Government Ministries/Departments. Rate contracts are normally concluded with firms that are reliable and whose credentials are well established. In order to establish the credentials and reliability of the firms, DGS&D also has a system of registration. Firms are registered as approved suppliers for different items after fulfillment of prescribed procedure and norms. In case any of the registered suppliers is found to indulge in any unethical or malpractice, the system provides for their deregistration and other administrative action like suspension/banning of business dealings with them. The system as above mitigates towards ensuring that undesirable businessmen are kept out of participating in Government tenders.The DGS&D are not aware of any of their tender having been awarded to any businessmen known to be associated with underworld dons.

Financial package for the victims of naxal violence

4393. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised any financial package for the victims of naxalite violence in States affected by the naxalite menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned and disbursed to the States during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) To enable the States to undertake more effective anti-naxalite action, the Ministry of Home Affairs is providing financial assistance under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme. Under this scheme, ex-gratia is paid to the victims of naxalite violence. The maximum amount of relief paid to the families of victims is Rs. 1.00 lakh in case of civilian and Rs. 3.00 lakhs in case of the police personnel killed in the naxal violence (relief of Rs. 3 lakhs recently allowed as against the earlier ceiling of Rs. 2 lakhs)

(c) Approx. Rs. 7.63 crores have been disbursed to the naxal affected States during the last three years (2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05) on account of ex-gratia payments to the families of victims both civilians as well as security forces killed in the naxal violence.

Adoption of children orphaned by Tsunami

4394. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the large number of requests for the adoption of children orphaned by the Tsunami quake by National and foreign organizations; and

(b) what guidelines have been issued by the Central and concerned States agencies on the adoption of such children and the conditions qualifying the adoption agencies and Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment was made the nodal Ministry to look after the welfare of the children affected by the Tsunami disaster.

(b) The State Governments/UT administrations and the community have detected to take care of these children themselves and therefore no adoption is likely to take place outside the community.